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WASHINGTON, June 27, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 22 totaled an estimated 18.5 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 431.5 billion ton-miles, down 3.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 22 totaled 399,495, down 2.6 percent from last year, but 2.2 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.7 percent in the West, but down 5.6 percent in the East and 6.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,679 cars (8.0 percent), and grain loadings were up 1,597 cars (6.4 percent). Thirteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 15 totaled 89,150 trailers and/or containers, 0.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 2,025,320 trailers and/or containers, down 3.3 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/22/85:

	Loadings in Week ended June 22, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,609	I	1,597	6.4	I	3,862	17.0
Other farm products	3,735	D	125	3.2	D	420	10.1
Metallic ores	18,548	D	1,697	8.4	D	745	3.9
Coal	122,453	D	3,526	2.8	I	4,230	3.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,605	I	991	7.9	I	259	1.9
Nonmetallic minerals	10,474	D	1,344	11.4	D	651	5.9
Grain mill products	9,872	D	425	4.1	D	472	4.6
Food and kindred products	10,966	D	278	2.5	D	25	0.2
Primary forest products	12,005	D	2,125	15.0	I	48	0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,730	I	331	4.5	I	115	1.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,913	D	1,309	8.6	I	332	2.4
Chemicals and allied products	22,408	D	958	4.1	I	88	0.4
Petroleum products	4,679	D	246	5.0	D	379	7.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,036	D	425	3.7	I	89	0.8
Coke	5,147	D	213	4.0	I	379	7.9
Metals and products	9,151	D	742	7.5	I	107	1.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,686	I	1,679	8.0	I	339	1.5
Waste and scrap materials	8,336	D	1,821	17.9	D	262	3.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,330	D	973	13.3	D	45	0.7
All other carloads	59,605	I	904	1.5	I	1,849	3.2
LCL traffic	207	D	14	6.3	I	87	72.5
Total Cars Loaded	399,495	D	10,719	2.6	I	8,785	2.2
Corresponding week of 1984	410,214						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	9,368,941	9,880,647	D 5.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
24 Weeks ended June 15	412.9	429.0	D 3.7
Week ended June 22	18.5	18.6	D 0.5
25 weeks cumulative	431.5	447.6	D 3.6

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